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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Summary of work in Chinatown for the week ended October 17.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., October 19, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

Following is record of work in Chinatown for week ended October 17:

Buildings reinspected.....	138
Rooms	835
Persons inspected	1, 381
Sick	39
Sick prescribed for at Oriental Dispensary	7
Dead examined	7
Necropsies	3
Rats examined bacteriologically	29
Number showing pest infection	0
Places limed and disinfected	786
Times streets swept	3
Sewers flushed	22
Sewers baited with rat poison	12
Notices served to abate plumbing nuisances	34
Nuisances abated	7
Number undergoing abatement	34
Total number of plumbing inspections	132

BLUE.

Inspection service, Mexican border—Yellow fever at Laredo and other points in Texas and Mexico.

LAREDO, TEX., October 15, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

New cases to-day, 27; deaths, 1; houses disinfected, 22, with 85 rooms; 242 containers, 40 premises and 2,000 square feet standing water oiled; 33 spigots put in water barrels; 114 premises, covering 16 city blocks, inspected. Maximum temperature, 94°; minimum, 70°. Nuevo Laredo reports 6 new cases; no deaths. No report obtainable from Minera.

GUITERAS.

WASHINGTON, October 16, 1903.

HUME, Eagle Pass, Tex.:

Referring to yours, 13th, requesting autoclave and carboy, Bureau has sent you four formaldehyde lamps, with ample supply of wood alcohol. Bureau is not buying any more autoclaves and expects you to use formaldehyde lamp, which is considered the most recent and efficient method of disinfecting with formaldehyde. If you have any trouble, wire what it is.

WYMAN.